

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman Richard C. Straiton, Selectman Bryan Terzian, Selectman

# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm - Hybrid Meeting Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, 1 School St., Bethel, CT Video/ Teleconference video link: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/7360902790">https://zoom.us/j/7360902790</a>
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**Present:** First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker, Selectman Richard Straiton, Selectman Bryan Terzian and Town Counsel Martin Lawlor

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: email from Mr. Frank Spencer

**First Selectman Report:** Among other items, First Selectman Knickerbocker thanked the newly formed Sustainable Bethel Commission for their work thus far especially at the Energy Expo. He also noted a new Town of Bethel Facebook page has been established. Discussion ensued as to how best to let the public know of the new page.

#### Consideration of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2022:

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Terzian to approve the minutes of August 2, 2022 with an amendment to correct to the misspelling of Cynthia McCorkindale's last name. Vote all in favor. Motion carries.

### Consideration of Board of Education HVAC project:

Dr. Christine Carver gave an overview of the HVAC concerns at Bethel High School. Discussion ensued. First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, that the Board of Selectmen concurs with the Board of Education that the administration of the Bethel Public Schools should seek bids on the entire project as planned. Vote, all in favor, motion carries.

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#### Consideration of F550 snow plow:

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve \$82,460.00 from the Capital Non-Recurring Fund to purchase the F550 snow plow. Vote, all in favor, motion carries.

Consideration of NEMBA Memorandum of Understandings for trail at Terre Haute: First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve, in principle, the NEMBA project and forward the sample MOUs to the Town Attorney to review. Discussion ensued. Vote, two in favor; one against. Motion carries.

#### Consideration of Tax refunds in the amount of \$28,740.62:

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to authorize tax refunds in the amount of \$28,740.62. Vote, all in favor, motion carries.

### Set date for Public Hearing re: proposed TSF ordinance:

The previous Public Hearing for this proposed ordinance was voided because the News Times failed to print the notice that was approved by the First Selectman's office. First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to establish a Public Hearing on August 30, 2022 at 6:30pm in Meeting Room A of the Municipal Center on the Tax Fund Stabilization proposed ordinance. Vote, all in favor, motion carries.

Selectman Terzian made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton to adjourn the meeting at 7:36pm. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted;
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Mary Churchill Recording Secretary